

Supplemental Oxygen Therapy (April 2013)

Item: The administration of oxygen as a medical intervention delivered in a variety of ways.
Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Life Support procedure• Specified in existing regulations.
Use and Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMR may only apply oxygen by nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask or in conjunction with a manual ventilation device• All levels of EMT may use nasal canula, non-rebreather masks, rebreather masks and air entrainment masks (Venturi Mask)
Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 100063(a)(5) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows an EMT to administer oxygen.• Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations refers to AEMTs being able to provide any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.• Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.
Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.
Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Properly maintained oxygen tank and regulator• Masks in multiple sizes to ensure proper fit on each patient• Reserve oxygen tank available
Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).
Considerations and Recommendations: No additional guidance at this time.